Science of livestock fuels management and fire danger reduction
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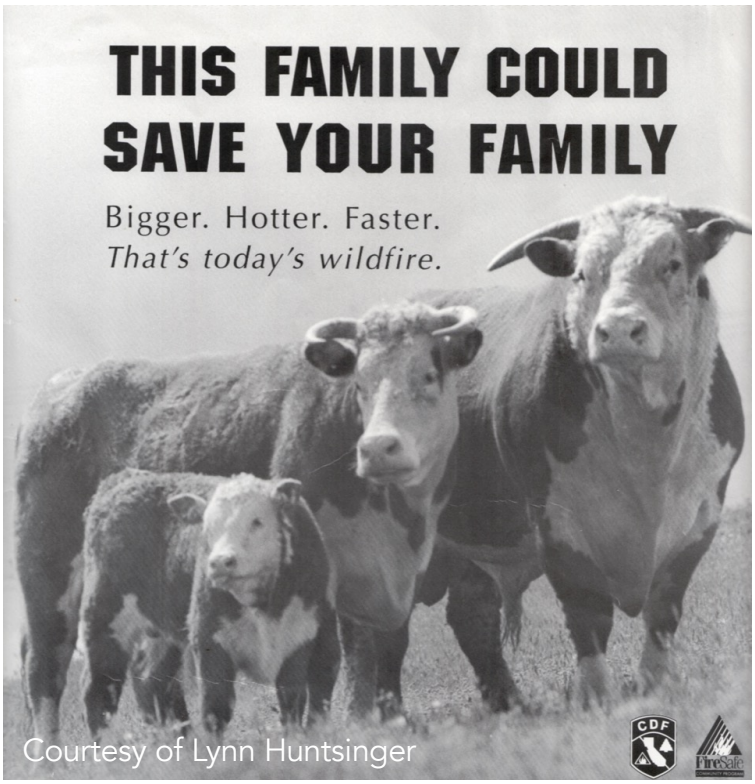

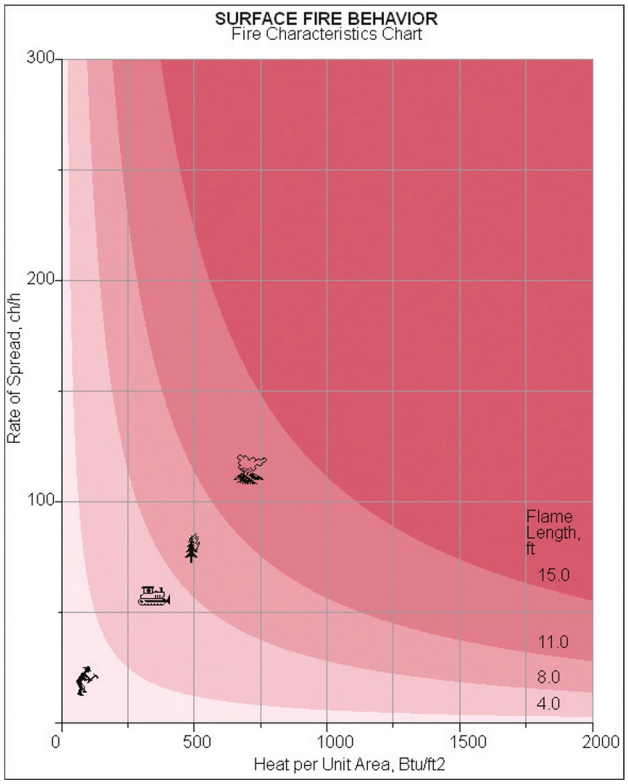

"Livestock can help stop fires before they start. They can save your life and property by establishing defensible space…"

-CDF Director Richard Wilson

Rustici Endowment: "Quantitative assessment of range use effects on fire behavior"
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Stratification Variables	Weather Variables	Dependent Variables
• Treatment (Biomass) • Slope • Vegetation Zone	• Temperature • Relative humidity • Wind speed	• Flame height • Passing 10m • Cover of burned, ash, etc. • Rate of spread • Surface temperature

Biomass Range (lbs/acre)	Grazing Level	Potential Fire Behavior
>3,500	Ungrazed	Likely flame heights above 4 ft and all biomass is burned
3,500 to 2,500	Ungrazed or very light	Possible flames above 4 ft and majority burned
2,500 to 1,250	Light to moderate	Flames likely below 4 ft and fire will not be stopped
1,250 to 400	Moderate to heavy	Flames below 4 ft and fire may be stopped
<400	Very heavy	Flames below 4 ft and highly likely fire stopped